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SUBJECT: CHINA AGAIN INVITES INDONESIA TO PEKING PING-PONG  
TOURNEY

REF: JAKARTA 5611

SUMMARY: SINAR HARAPAN REPORTED JULY 23  
THAT CHINA HAS ISSUED A FORMAL WRITTEN  
INVITATION TO INDONESIA TO ATTEND ASIA-AFRICA-  
LATIN AMERICAN PING PONG TOURNAMENT IN PEKING  
AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 6 AS A PARTICIPANT  
OR OBSERVER, BUT THAT INDONESIA HAS NOT YET  
REPLIED. CHINA EXTENDED INVITATION TO PEKING  
MEET NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THAT INDONESIA  
HAS TWICE REJECTED INFORMAL INVITATIONS TO  
THE EVENT, MOST RECENTLY ON GROUNDS  
THAT ITS TIMING CONFLICTED WITH INDONESIAN  
NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK (REFTEL.) END SUMMARY

1. THE PEKING TOURNAMENT IS REPORTEDLY AN  
UNOFFICIAL MEET WHICH IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY  
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THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION.

IT WILL INCLUDE TEAMS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES  
AS WELL AS "PROVINCES" OF CHINA INCLUDING  
TAIWAN AND MACAO.

2. ACCORDING TO SINAR HARAPAN, WILLY WAROKKA,  
SECGEN OF ALL INDONESIA TABLE TENNIS  
ASSOCIATION, SAID IN APRIL (AT THE TIME INDONESIA  
MOST RECENTLY REJECTED CHINA'S INFORMAL  
INVITATION TO THE PEKING MEET) THAT INDONESIA  
HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMALLY INVITED TO COMPETE  
IN ASIAN TABLE TENNIS UNION MEET IN  
YOKOHAMA IN 1974, TO BE SPONSORED JOINTLY BY  
CHINA AND JAPAN. HE SAID INDONESIA WAS WILLING  
TO PARTICIPATE IN YOKOHAMA EVENT.

3. SINAR HARAPAN ARTICLE ALSO CITED STATEMENT  
FROM SOURCE IN INDONESIAN NATIONAL SPORTS  
COMMITTEE THAT IT HAS BEEN INDONESIAN POLICY  
NOT TO PERMIT CHINESE-INDONESIAN SPORTS  
COMPETITION IN EITHER COUNTRY, BUT TO ALLOW  
INDONESIAN TEAMS TO COMPETE IN OFFICIAL EVENTS  
AT WHICH CHINESE ARE REPRESENTED IN THIRD  
COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE 1972 WORLD PIN-PONG  
CHAMPIONSHIP IN YUGOSLAVIA. ASKED IF  
THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE IN GOI POLICY IN  
VIEW OF RECENT EXCHANGES OF SPORTS TEAMS  
BETWEEN CHINA AND MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND  
THAILAND, SOURCE SAID ANY NEW POLICY WOULD  
BE DECIDED BY GOVERNMENT, NOT THE SPORTS  
COMMITTEE.  
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